



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

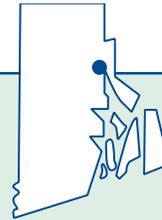
Rhode Island Family Life Center, Providence, RI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Rhode Island Family Life Center (FLC) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in Providence (population 173,618), the FLC addresses the educational, housing, employment, family, and medical needs of nearly 900 disadvantaged individuals each year in Providence. The targeted site at 485 Plainfield Street is located near three densely populated neighborhoods with a Hispanic population of at least 40 percent. These neighborhoods are more impoverished than other areas in Providence, with 28 to 41 percent of households earning incomes below the



Cleanup Grant

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\$128,000 for hazardous substances
\$72,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Rhode Island Family Life Center (FLC) for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to develop cleanup plans and to clean up a site located at 485 Plainfield Street. The site consists of a three-story, 18,000-square-foot, vacant industrial building on a property of just over half an acre. Environmental concerns at the site include the presence of metals, inorganic materials, possibly PCBs, and an underground storage tank.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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poverty level. Once site cleanup is complete, the property can be redeveloped with mixed uses, including housing and office space. Redevelopment plans include preserving an on-site historic building, which the state anticipates nominating for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.